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and Florida, with annotations. This puts the act in a convenient form for reference for business men and the practicing lawyer, and furnishes them with the decisions upon which the statute is based. The student also will find great aid in using it as a text book upon the general subject. The principle is laid down succinctly, and in a note are the cases pro and con, with frequently an extract from a decision showing the reason of the rule. Thus at page 10, where it is declared that a provision for the payment of attorney's fees will not make a note uncertain, twelve cases are cited in support of and six against the rule, together with a quotation of eleven lines from a cited opinion. The book is most timely.

*Common Law Pleading: Its History and Principles.* By R. Ross Perry, Lecturer on Common Law Pleading in the Georgetown (D. C.) University Law School. Octavo, law sheep, 493 pages. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, 1897.

That Mr. Perry is a scholar and a teacher conversant with the needs of the student can be seen from the most cursory reading of his "Common Law Pleading." The book is written from the standpoint of the student searching after the origins of rules in order to explain their existence. Chitty's rules with respect to actions, Stephen's Rules of Pleading, and Dicey's rules as to the selection of parties to actions form the skeleton of the work. To these are added extended illustrations from decided cases, and the fruits of late researches by such investigators as Pollock and Maitland in England, and Holmes, Armes and Thayer in this country. By this method are cleared up the intricacies of a subject generally considered the most difficult in the curriculum. Mr. Perry has made the subject interesting from the start, which is no slight cause for praise.